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Officers of the Association, 1882-'83.

MODERATOR—REV. JOSHUA PERRY, Louisburg, N. C.
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TREASURER—BRO. JOHN YARBOROUGH, Raleigh, N. C.
AUDITOR—REV. WILLIAM A. GREEN, Raleigh, N. C.

Boards of the Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bro. A. B. FLEMING, Rolesville, Rev. G. W. HARRIS, Neuse,
Rev. G. W. PERRY, Raleigh.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Rev. M. C. RANSOM, Franklinton, Bro. M. JOYNER, Franklinton,
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Rev. G. W. HARRIS, Neuse, Rev. W. A. GREEN, Raleigh,
Rev. C. JOHNSON, Raleigh, Bro. WM. PERRY, Wake Forest,
Bro. JOHN M. BECKWITH, Smithfield.

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Rev. C. JOHNSON, Raleigh, Bro. WM. PERRY, Wake Forest,
Rev. G. W. PERRY, Raleigh, Bro. A. B. FLEMING, Rolesville,
Bro. JOHN M. BECKWITH, Smithfield.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The members composing the Wake Baptist Association assembled in Gethsemane church at 10 o'clock a. m., in its Sixteenth Annual Session.

Rev. Hermon Pair, the pastor of the church, came forward, and, in a touching address, welcomed the Association to the house of worship, which was appropriately responded to by the Moderator.

Rev. G. W. Perry having been designated, preached the introductory sermon from 4th chapter of Ephesians and 3rd verse. Subject, Unity.

The sermon was impressive and to the point.

Rev. Cæsar Johnson was chosen alternate.

It being 12½ o'clock, the Association took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Met at the hour designated. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. T. B. Edwards.

On motion, Rev. G. W. Perry was elected Reading Clerk.

Churches and their messengers were then enrolled as follows:

1*st Baptist, Raleigh*—W. H. Green, Toney Burns.
2*nd Baptist, Raleigh*—N. F. Roberts, John Yarborough, J. S. Lea.
Friendship Chapel—David Martin, Louis Austin, C. L. Powell.
Martin Street—J. H. Hunter.
Gethsemane—Cheston Jones, Jack Harris, Weston Jones.
Nelson's Chapel—A. P. Neil, Solomon Davis, P. T. Hall.
Good Samaritan—Henry Turner, A. White.
Wakefield—R. B. Hopkins, Joseph Perry, M. D. Dunn.
New Bethel—R. F. Daniel, D. Jeffries, A. B. Fleming.
Smithfield—John M. Beckwith, Ashley W. Smith.
New Providence—S. Harris, C. Davis.
Olive Branch—A. W. Crenshaw, J. F. Phillips, W. H. Perry.
Holly Springs—Thomas B. Edwards, Samuel Clemons.
Reiley Hill—H. Pair, Dorsey Perry, Ruffin Ferrell.
Liberty—J. H. Smith, H. M. Perry, A. Harris.
Pilgrim's Rest—P. T. Young, J. C. Pool, H. Harris.
Piny Grove—Toney Pool.
Selma—John M. Beckwith.
Macedonia—George W. Harris, H. T. Temple, J. D. Fowler.
1*st Baptist, Clayton*—L. T. Mial.

Wake Baptist Grove—Thomas Haywood, Ransom Jones.
New Light—Nathan Hunt, William Upchurch, Daniel Tucker.
Military—Jerry Bryant, Harrison Wilder.
Bethlehem—S. Chavis, E. Holloway.
Louisburg—E. P. Perry, Joshua Perry.
Earpsboro—S. A. Todd.
Chestnut Grove—C. Penny, O. Chavis.
Jones' Chapel—Oliver Williams, P. T. Hall, Joel Branch.
Mt. Pleasant—S. F. Fulwider, Isaac Lassiter, G. D. Dunn.
Juniper Level—S. F. Fulwider, John Tomlinson, R. H. Height.
Green Hill—J. W. Stuart, Nelson Jones, J. A. Stuart.
Franklinton—H. L. Joyner, Spencer Pierce.
Springfield—M. C. Pool, H. Baucum.
Baptist Grove—Henry Turner, Hawkins Jeffries.
Elizabeth—Peyton Perry, Telfair Lucas, Blount Warren.
White Oak—James Bradford, C. M. Anderson.
Malaby Cross Roads—Richard Perry, Jr., W. M. Walters, Jeremiah Smith.
Mt. Olive—P. T. Hall.
Good Hope—F. Pair, Fenner Terrell, R. Shepard.
Hillsboro—R. Shepard.
St. Mary's—C. Johnson.
Galilee—W. C. Hines, H. D. Saunders.
Oakey Grove—By letter.

After the enrollment of the messengers, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. *On Hours of Meeting*—Jack Harris, Cheston Jones and Hermon Pair.

On motion, the rules of order were suspended, and the Committee on Credentials was omitted.

2. *Committee on Letters*—Thos. B. Edwards, A. W. Smith, and Spencer Pierce.

3. *Committee on Finance*—P. T. Hall, G. W. Harris and Henry M. Perry.

4. *Committee on Resolutions*—Cæsar Johnson, G. W. Perry, J. H. Smith, James Bradford and N. F. Roberts.

5. *Committee on Reception of the Churches*—A. B. Fleming, Robt. Shepard and Isaac Lassiter.

A request from Galilee church, asking the Association for assistance to the amount of thirty dollars, was ordered to be recorded.

The Committee on Hours of Meeting reported the following:

Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12½ p. m.; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at pleasure. Adopted.

At 5 o'clock the services closed after singing the doxology and receiving the benediction.

SECOND DAY—Forenoon Session.

Met on time. Moderator in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. T. Hall. Minutes of the previous forenoon and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee on Grievances: Toney Burns, Calvin Powell and A. B. Fleming.

The following resolution, by J. S. Lea, was adopted:

Resolved, That all resolutions be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Grievances made their report, which was adopted. (See report).

The following resolution, by N. F. Roberts, was adopted:

Whereas, There appears to be a decrease in the amount of funds sent to the Association for Missionary and Educational work, therefore, *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed on Ways and Means.

In accordance with the above resolution the following were appointed: N. F. Roberts, George W. Perry, William Perry, A. Harris and A. W. Smith.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee on Ordination: W. A. Green, G. W. Harris, H. Pair, N. F. Roberts, T. B. Edwards.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee on Place of the next annual session of the Association: Toney Burns, David Martin, Henry L. Joyner, Samuel Clemons, A. W. Smith, Henry Turner and Edmund Perry.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee on Temperance: N. F. Roberts, A. B. Fleming, Fenner Terrell, J. S. Lea and W. C. Hines.

The following visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Association, and upon invitation gave encouraging addresses: J. C. Fowler, John Griffin, A. J. White, E. F. Wilder and J. C. White.

On motion, a collection was taken for the benefit of Gethsemane church. Seven dollars and sixty-five cents were contributed.

Adjourned with prayer by J. S. Lea.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met as ordered. Moderator in the chair, who also conducted devotional exercises.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee on Officers: P. T. Hall, R. Shepard, J. C. Barker, Jeremiah Smith and Daniel Tucker.

On motion, the following were appointed on Sunday School Work: G. W. Perry, Cæsar Johnson, N. F. Roberts, J. H. Smith and Louis Alston.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See report.)

The Committee on Place of next annual session of the Association reported.

On motion, the report was adopted.

A letter from the Sisters' Home Mission Society at Rolesville, containing two dollars for Home Mission work, was read to the Association and adopted.

Thereupon the following resolutions, by J. S. Lea, were read:

WHEREAS, The report of the Sisters' Home Mission Society of Rolesville shows an indefatigable zeal on their part in instituting and sustaining such a noble enterprise, therefore,

Resolved, That we return words of cheer and encouragement to these noble workers.

Resolved, That we express our profound gratefulness and assure our hearty endorsement to all similar organizations.

Resolved, That we recommend such steps to be an exemplar to all our churches.

Adopted.

The Committee on Officers for the ensuing year made their report.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See report.)

The Treasurer made his report.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by N. F. Roberts.

THIRD DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. N. F. Roberts. Prayer by Rev. P. T. Hall. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The Committee on Finance made their report.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following resolution by John M. Beckwith, was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, To promote and advance the cause of Mission Work should be one of the greatest objects of this Association, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That a Home Mission Board of seven members be appointed whose duties shall be to take under consideration the Home Mission work of this Association.

2d. That a Foreign Mission Board of seven members be appointed, whose duties shall be to take in charge the Foreign Mission work of this Association.

3d. That Churches, Sabbath Schools, Home and Foreign Mission Societies, raising or collecting funds for Home and Foreign Mission work be recommended to forward the same to the respective Mission Boards of this Association, and that said money be appropriated to the objects for which sent.

On motion, the following resolution, by J. S. Lea, was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. J. Perry preach the Introductory sermon, Elder William A. Green preach the Doctrinal sermon and Prof. N. F. Roberts preach the Educational sermon at the next annual session of this Association.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for preparing the minutes for the press.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have 1,200 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

On motion, $10 was given to Galilee church.

The Committee on Temperance made their report.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following resolution, by L. T. Mial, was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The *African Expositor* is the pioneer of the Missionary Baptist denomination, therefore,

Resolved, That all ministers and delegates belonging to this Association subscribe themselves and then encourage others to do likewise.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following brethren as delegates to represent the Association in the Baptist State Convention, viz: Revs. W. A. Green, P. T. Hall, G. W. Perry, T. B. Edwards and G. W. Harris.

Rev. Malphis Freeman, of the white Baptist church, was invited to a seat, and addressed the Association in way of encouragement.

The Committee on Ordination made their report.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following resolution, by C. Johnson, was adopted:

Resolved, That the clerk be allowed six dollars for recording the minutes, and the moderator six dollars for presiding over the deliberations of this Association.

A petition from Friendship Chapel, asking a loan of $30 until the next annual session of the Association, was read; and, on motion, the Association agreed to grant the loan, by the same being properly secured.

On motion, a collection was taken for the benefit of the American Baptist Publication Society. One dollar and fifty-two cents was realized.

Adjourned. Prayer by G. W. Harris.

Afternoon Session.

Assembled on time. Moderator in the char.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by the Clerk.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

On motion, the Moderator was unanimously elected a delegate to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the following were elected and constituted an Executive Board: A. B. Fleming, G. W. Harris and G. W. Perry.

On motion, that no bond or other security offered for money be accepted by the Executive Board unless the same is approved by the Moderator and signed by the Clerk of the Association.

The following resolution, by J. S. Lea, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The ministers and delegates have been so cordially received and entertained by the members and friends of Gethsemane church, therefore,

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to members and friends of the church and community for the kind reception and hospitable treatment given us during the sitting of the present session of the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Benediction by the Moderator.

JOSHUA PERRY, Moderator.

John M. Beckwith, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report that we endorse and recommend the passage of the following resolutions :

I.

WHEREAS, It is the object of this Association to extend the work of the Master's Kingdom, by the diffusion of a knowledge of His word ; and, whereas, a religious institution is the strength of the Baptist denomination of the State ; and, whereas, the Northern friends have given means sufficient to establish Shaw University, the property of which is valued at $115,000, all of which is paid for ; and, whereas, in many sections of our country the denomination is suffering for want of qualified leaders ; therefore,

Resolved 1*st*, That the Wake Baptist Association donate a sum of money which shall be designated by a vote of the Association.

Resolved 2*nd*, That this money shall be for the ministerial education of those of our denomination attending said institution for the work of the Gospel ministry, and that said sum shall be as large as possible.

Resolved 3*rd*, That we recommend all of our young men who feel that they are called to any Christian work to enter our institution at Raleigh, and there prepare themselves for such a work. J. S. LEA.

II.

WHEREAS, It is important and necessary that the Sabbath Schools connected with the churches of this Association be encouraged to aid in the promotion of the Master's cause ; and, whereas, it is essential that the statistics of the Sabbath Schools be collected and published in the minutes of the Association ; therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter each delegate to this Association solicit a fund from each Sabbath School, in aid of the benevolent objects of the Association, and that said funds be entered on the minutes to the credit of the Sabbath Schools. JNO. M. BECKWITH.

III.

WHEREAS, It is the duty of every person, both old and young, to attend the Sabbath School ; therefore,

Resolved, That every church have an adult Bible class for the benefit of the older people. A. W. CRENSHAW.

IV.

WHEREAS, The American Baptist Publication Society has supplied the State with a Missionary for a number of years, paying his salary and expenses, and,

WHEREAS, Said Society in its liberality has done so much for the benefit of churches and Sabbath schools of our denomination, therefore,

Resolved 2*nd*, That we express our profound gratefulness to said Society and do promise to do our best toward sustaining said Society.

Resolved 2d, That we contribute something for the appointment of an additional missionary for our State to assist in carrying forward the noble work promulgated by said Society. J. S. LEA.

V.

WHEREAS, Our churches are often imposed upon by persons who claim that they have been licensed by some church, therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter all licenses granted shall be in printed form, and to be valid for twelve months, and said license can be obtained from the Ministers' Board. G. W. HARRIS.

VI.

Resolved, That there be as many blanks printed as there are churches, said blanks to be sent to the churches with the minutes.

L. T. MIAL.

VII.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the call of the National Baptist Convention to consider the Bible work of the denomination, and that we answer the questions embodied in their circular in the affirmative.

N. F. ROBERTS.

REPORT ON WAYS AND MEANS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we, the ministers and delegates of this Association, return to our various churches and request each member to pay a tax of at least five cents to the Association in order that the Association may be able to sustain its missionary work, and that the church begin at once to collect this money; that the missionary shall give a receipt to the churches from which he receives collections, which receipt shall accompany the church letter to the Association. Respectfully submitted,

N. F. ROBERTS,
GEORGE W. PERRY,
WILLIAM PERRY,
A. HARRIS,
A. W. SMITH,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, Spirituous liquors used as a beverage are destructive to the mental, physical and moral qualities of mankind, antagonistic to the growth and spread of the Gospel and a violation of the teachings of God's word; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That the duty of pastors to inculcate principles of temperance in their members, and to exact of them a constant sober deportment, is unavoidable and indispensable.

Resolved 2d, That this Association discountenance any minister or member who uses intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

Resolved 3d, That this Association recognize no applicant for ordination who is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved 4th, That every pastor belonging to this Association preach a temperance sermon at least once a year and deliver temperance lectures as often as practicable, and in every laudible way labor to exterminate the great evil of intemperance from our country.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. ROBERTS,
A. B. FLEMING,
FENNER TERREL,
J. S. LEA,
W. C. HINES,
Committee.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Missionary Board of Wake Baptist Association met at the First Baptist church, Raleigh, N. C., at 10 o'clock A. M., November 3d, 1881, and organized by electing Rev. G. W. Harris, President, Rev. M. C. Ransom, Secretary, and Bro. T. Burns, Treasurer. Rev. George W. Perry was elected missionary for five months, with a salary of twenty ($20) dollars per month.

The missionary's report to the Missionary Board shows the following result:

MONTHS.	Sermons Preached.	Lectures to Churches.	Religious Visits.	Money Received.	Prayer Meetings Held.	Money Expended.	Miles Traveled.	Lectures to S. Schools.
First	5	3	.....	$3 05	.....	$ 45	87	.....
Second	9	2	3	2 64	.....	.....	115	2
Third	7	.....	4	1 92	2	.....	156	.....
Fourth	8	.....	7	4 50	4	1 75	174	3
Fourth	8	4	1	5 30	1	50	201	2
Total	37	9	15	$17 41	7	$2 60	733	7

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. RANSOM, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES.

We, your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to report that we have examined the cause of Pilgrim's Rest and find nothing to prevent her being represented and enrolled on the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. BURNS,
C. L. POWELL,
A. B. FLEMING,
Committee.

REPORT ON ORDINATION.

WAKE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, August 18th, 1882.

The Committee on Ordination met according to the call of the chairman, Rev, G. W. Harris. Rev. W. A. Green was made secretary. Bro. Willis Rodgers presented a letter from Elizabeth Baptist church, Nash county, asking the Association to ordain him for the Gospel ministry. After a careful examination, the council decided the brother was not qualified to be ordained. First, The brother had no field of labor. Second, He failed to answer most of the questions asked by the council.

We therefore recommend him to go to school and prepare himself for the ministry that he may be useful to his people.

G. W. HARRIS, *Chairman*,
H. PAIR,
P. T. HALL,
T. B. EDWARDS,
W. A. GREEN, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, recommend that the next annual session of this Association be held with the Franklinton Baptist church at Franklinton, in Franklin county, at the time designated by the Constitution.

T. BURNS, *Chairman*,
DAVID MARTIN,
H. L. JOYNER,
SAMUEL CLEMONS,
ASHLEY W. SMITH,
HENRY TURNER,
EDWARD PERRY,
Committee.

REPORT ON OFFICERS.

We, your Committee on Officers, beg leave to recommend the following officers:

For Moderator, Joshua Perry, Louisburg; Clerk, John M. Beckwith, Smithfield; Treasurer, J. Yarborough, Raleigh; Auditor, W. A. Green, Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

R. SHEPARD,
J. C. BARKER,
J. E. SMITH,
D. TUCKER,
L. T. MIAL,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM AUGUST 1881 TO AUGUST 1882.

RECEIPTS.

August 1881, by cash received from Association		$159 36
" " " " left over		21 62
		$180 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 2d, Shaw University	$25 00	
" 8th, Rev. A. Shepard	13 25	
Oct. 8th, Rev. R. Shepard	13 50	
" 18th, For Baptist State Convention	26 00	
" " Rev. G. W. Perry	4 45	
" " Rev. G. W. Harris	4 45	
" " Rev. W. A. Green	4 45	
" 26th, Paid for postage	26	
" " Paid Edwards, Broughton & Co., for printing minutes	35 00	
Nov. 3d, Paid expenses for distributing minutes	17 90	
" " Paid Treasurer's expenses to and from the Association	6 00	=$150 26
Balance in Treasury		$30 72

I certify the above to be correct.

WILLIAM A. GREEN, *Auditor.*

August 16th, 1882.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Church Letters, Finance, &c., beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the letters from the following churches and find them in accordance with the rules of this Association:

Churches.	*Amount.*
Martin st. Church, Raleigh,	$ 3 09
Nelson's Chapel	6 18
Gethsemane	5 40
Good Samaritan	2 13
Wakefield	7 05
New Bethel	6 09
Holly Springs	4 08
Smithfield	7 49
Olive Branch	6 42
Piny Grove	3 03
Selma	1 50
Riley Hill	4 20
Macedonia	1 14
Clayton	2 61
Louisburg	15 00
Earpsboro	66
Juniper Level	2 55
Franklinton	10 53
Springfield	5 76
Mt. Pleasant	5 13
Baptist Grove	3 30
Good Hope	4 29
Liberty	8 16
Chestnut Grove	30
Jones' Chapel	7 23
Pilgrim's Rest	1 20
New Light	96
Military	1 26
Friendship Chapel	7 23
St. Matthew's	4 05
Green Hill	2 21
White Oak	1 92
Mt. Olive	96
St. Mary's	30
Oakey Grove	1 14
Elizabeth	2 79
Galilee	54
Malaby Cross Roads	2 73
Wake Baptist Grove	4 47
New Providence	4 38
Bethlehem	1 11
First Baptist, Raleigh	27 00
Second Baptist, Raleigh	2 31
Total	$189 89

COLLECTED FOR MISSIONS.

Liberty Ch., Foreign Mis'ns,	$5 56	S. S. Mis. Soc., Rolesville	1 00
Rolesville Ch., Home "	2 00		
Good Hope Ch., " "	1 00	Total for Mission Work	$9 56

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. EDWARDS,
ASHLEY W. SMITH,
SPENCER PIERCE,
Committee on Letters.
P. T. HALL,
G. W. HARRIS,
HENRY M. PERRY,
Committee on Finance.

CORRECTION.—The Committee on Finance report only $180.35 received from the churches for the Association, but after carefully adding the stated amounts they foot up $189.89. CLERK.

EXTACTS FROM LETTERS SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST BAPTIST, RALEIGH.

Dear Brethren: We send as delegates to represent us in your body our pastor, Rev. W. A. Green and Deacon Anthony Burns. Enclosed

please find $27 as our *per capita* tax for representation. We have given to Rev. Shields $60, and to Rev A. Shepard, Sunday School Missionary, $15. Praying for the success of the cause we are yours in the work,

JAMES H. YOUNG, *Church Clerk.*

NELSON'S CHAPEL.

Dear Brethren: We send greeting to the Association and our pastor, P. T. Hall, and Brother A. T. Neil. We hope that you will have a good time. We are preparing to build a house of worship. We hope the missionary spirit is still increasing in the Association. We are very much interested in that work. A. T. NEIL, *Church Clerk.*

RILEY HILL.

Dear Brethren: Our church is in a prosperous condition. We now have a protracted meeting going on and many souls are being converted.

F. T. HORTON, *Church Clerk.*

SECOND BAPTIST, RALEIGH.

Dear Brethren: We are now in a prospering condition. The clouds of trouble and discord which for some time darkened our pathway have been removed, and we now dwell together in peace and Christian unity. Rev. N. F. Roberts has been elected pastor. Under his able leadership we are hoping for a prosperous future. We send as delegates Brethren N. F. Roberts, John Yarborough and J. S. Lea.

E. H. LIPSCOMB, *Church Clerk.*

SMITHFIELD.

Dear Brethren: We send as delegates Brethren Ashley W. Smith and John M. Beckwith. Our church is in a prospering condition, and we are making efforts to enlarge our house of worship. The past year the busy hand of death has plucked from us some of our brightest jewels. We mourn our loss though heaven's gain. Our prayers are for your success.

JOHN M. BECKWITH, *Church Clerk.*

BAPTIST GROVE.

Dear Brothren: We send as delegates Brethren Henry Turner and Hawkins Jeffreys. May the Lord bless you in your deliberations, and may the work prove a fountain from which shall flow living streams that shall make glad the city of our God.

MICHAEL MOORE, *Church Clerk.*

HILLSBORO.

Dear Brethren: We feet thankful to God for what he has done for us. Eighteen converts have been added to our church. We therefore send greetings to you, hoping that God will bless you and crown your labors with success. ALSTON WHITTED, *Church Clerk.*

LIBERTY.

Dear Brethren: Our church is in a condition of spiritual progress. Pray that we may understand the word of God.

A. HARRIS, *Church Clerk.*

MACEDONIA.

Dear Brethren: Our church is in a prosperous condition. Twenty-three converts is the result from our revival meeting and the prospect is very bright for more. We ask your prayers yor our increase.

T. R. DEBNAM, *Church Clerk.*

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Rev. G. W. Perry, Raleigh,
" N. F. Roberts, "
" John Jefferson, "
" P. T. Hall, "
" A. Shepard, "
" C. Johnson, "
" W. A. Green, "
" Rob't Shepherd, "
" T. B. Edwards, "
Rev. S. F. Fulwider, Raleigh,
" P. T. Young, "
" H. Pair, "
" George W. Harris, Neuse,
" J. Perry, Louisburg,
" E. Blake, Clayton,
" D. Blake, "
" M. C. Ransom, Franklinton,
" M. W. Brown, Apex.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

David Alston,
Allen Smith,
J. M. Scarborough,
M. J. Harris,
Richard Davis,
J. H. Hunter,
A. W. Stallings.
G. W. Sanders,
Robert B. Jones.
Samuel Peterson,
William Walters,
J. A. Fuller,
Oliver Williams,
Marion Turner,
James Chavis,
Robert Haywood,
Young Bell,
Handy Holland,
William Sanders,
Toney Pool,
Columbus Davis,
F. P. Baker,
H. T. Cook,
J. W. Fleming,
Green Utley,
Spencer Spruel,
George Buffaloe,
Spencer Pierce,
Joel Branch,
Isaac Lassiter,
John Craven,
J. C. Barker,
Thomas Donaldson,
Willis M Rodgers,
Amos Perry,
C. H. Montague,
A. J. Allen.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Call the meeting to order.
2d. Address of Welcome.
3d. Response by the Moderator.
4th. Introductory Sermon.
5th. Enrollment of Delegates.
6th. Appointment of Committees:—
(1.) Committee on Hours of Meeting, &c.
(2.) Committee on Credentials.
(3.) Committee on Letters.
(4.) Committee on Finance.
(5.) Committee on Resolutions.
(6.) Committee on Reception of Churches.
7th. Report of Executive Board.
8th. Report of Missionary Board.
9th. Report of Educational Board.
10th. Report of Treasurer.
11th. Report of other Committees.
12th. Miscellaneous Business.
13th. Address on Mission and Educational Work.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "WAKE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex-officio.*

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the purposes for which they were sent or collected. He shall make an annual report to the Association. He shall not recognize any order drawn on the Treasury except it is signed by the Moderator and the Clerk of the Association.

ART. IX. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. X. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XI. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIII. The minsisters composing the Association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year, in such places as brethren may designate.

ART. XIV. We will receive no minister into this Association but those who have good moral characters.

ART. XV. We will withdraw the right hand of fellowship from every minister who walks disorderly and contrary to the Gospel rule.

ART. XVI. The churches connected with this Association may continue their membership by paying three cents annually upon the head of each member to be represented in the Association.

ART. XVII. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon.

ART. XVIII. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE.	CLERK AND POST OFFICE.	Sabbath of Worship.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.	Association Fund.	Home Mis'n Fund.	For'n Mis'n Fund.	Church Extension.	Pastor's Salary.	S. School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Vols. in Library.	No. Periodicals Taken.	No. Months school open.
1st Bap., Raleigh	W. A. Green, Raleigh	James H. Young, Raleigh	Ev'y	225	4	2	....	11	12	.....	.....	900	$27 00	$ 75 00	.....	.....	.....	250	15	.....	.....	12
2d " "	N. F. Roberts, "	E. H. Lipscomb, "		1	3	.....	5	.....	1	32	45	77	2 31	.....	.....	.....	$ 300	120	10	.....	.....	.....
Martin st., "	T. B. Edwards, "	J. H. Hunter, "		16	1	1	5	11	2	38	65	103	3 09	.....	$7 01	$ 85	75	60	7	40	135	12
Gethsemane	H. Pair, "	Joshua Jones Youngsville		18	4	.....	1	6	4	77	103	180	5 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	4	.....	.....	12
Nelson's Chapel	P. T. Hall, "	A. T. Neil, Mapleville	2nd	16	.....	1	5	6	3	96	110	206	6 18	.....	.....	200	100	50	6	30	.....	9
Good Samaritan	E. Blake, Clayton	Samuel Jones, Clayton.	2nd	7	.....	.....	4	5	1	35	36	71	2 13	.....	.....	.....	35	60	6	.....	.....	.....
Wakefield	G. W. Perry, Raleigh,	J. R. Richardson, Wakefield	3rd	13	.....	2	1	6	4	102	133	235	7 05	1 25	.....	300	75	52	9	5	39	.....
New Bethel	" " "	C. Purefoy, Rolesville	4th	41	.....	1	4	4	1	68	135	203	6 09	1 00	.....	.....	90	96	11	.....	.....	.....
Smithfield	P. T. Hall, "	John M. Beckwith, Smithfield,	1st	26	.....	2	3	17	5	100	143	243	7 49	.....	.....	120	80	150	6	100	100	12
New Providence	C. H. Bynum, Apex	A. B. Jones, Raleigh	2nd	28	2	2	2	1	2	66	80	146	4 38	1 00	.....	.....	65	75	6	.....	.....	8
Olive Branch	T. B. Edwards, Raleigh,	A. W. Crenshaw, Wake Forest,	3rd	14	8	.....	4	11	....	103	111	214	6 42	.....	1 00	.....	100	115	14	100	100	12
Holly Springs	" " "	Thos. Clemons, Holly Springs,	4th	11	1	.....	4	6	2	64	72	136	4 08	1 00	1 00	.....	65	87	10	.....	.....	.....
Reiley Hill	H. Pair, "	F. T. Horton, Hickory Grove	2nd	13	3	1	5	10	1	50	90	140	4 20	1 90	.....	.....	75	70	6	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	J. Perry, Louisburg	A. Harris, Youngsville	1st	31	.....	.....	3	6	3	131	141	272	8 16	.....	5 56	.....	150	60	10	79	8	12
Piney Grove	John Jefferson, Raleigh	A. W. Booth, Clayton	1st	2	.....	.....	.....	2	4	41	60	101	3 03	.....	.....	.....	75	42	7	30	24	4
Selma	E. Blake, Clayton	Amos Moore, Selma	4th	2	.....	.....	.....	2	2	20	30	50	1 50	.....	1 00	.....	75	35	3	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	G. W. Harris, Neuse	T. R. Debnam, Rolesville	1st	1	8	.....	1	.....	.....	19	19	38	1 14	.....	54	.....	36	134	18	132	15	12
Clayton	John Jones, Smithfield	L. T. Mial, Clayton	3rd	20	2	...	1	2	2	33	54	87	2 61	87	.....	.....	55	65	9	78	.....	12
Wake Bap. Grove	E. Blake, Clayton		3rd	12	....	3	.....	7	8	66	83	149	4 47	.....	1 25	.....	98	95	3	.....	.....	.....
Lew Light	D. Tucker, New Light	S. H. Hockaday, New Light	4th	7	.....	...	....	1	1	15	17	32	.....	96	.....	.....	15	46	5	.....	.....	.....
Military	S. B. Smith, Clayton.	Jerry Bryant, Archer Lodge	1st	.....	.....	.....	3	2	1	7	35	42	1 26	.....	53	.....	7	46	3	.....	.....	12
Bethlehem	James Chavis, Raleigh	A. Chavis, Raleigh	2d4	.....	.....	.....	5	5	....	20	17	37	1 11	.....	.....	26	24	77	4	.....	.....	.....
Louisburg	J. Perry, Louisburg	A. L. Yarborough, Louisburg	2d3	40	.....	1	4	15	13	200	300	500	15 00	.....	.....	.....	250	175	12	.....	106	12
Earpsboro	D. Blake, Eagle Rock	S. A. Todd, Earpsboro	2nd	1	.....	.....	.....	1	....	9	13	22	.....	66	.....	.....	23	28	4	.....	.....	.....
Chestnut Grove	James Chavis, Raleigh	S. Boldin, Rodgers' X Roads	1st	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	6	4	10	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	35	2	.....	.....	.....
Jones' Chapel	P. T. Hall, "	W. S. Thomas, Laurel	4th	16	4	...	10	14	1	96	145	241	7 23	.....	.....	.....	110	64	6	45	.....	8
Mt. Pleasant	S. F. Fulwider, "	C. M. Justice, Neuse	2nd	13	2	.....	5	5	2	77	94	171	5 13	.....	2 25	.....	75	79	10	.....	.....	.....
Juniper Level	Sam'l Fulwider, "	Richard Penny, Gulley's Mills	1st	14	1	.....	.....	1	....	39	46	85	2 55	.....	.....	.....	50	80	5	.....	40	12
Green Hill	M. W. Brown, Apex	J. W. Stuart, Myatt's Mills	4th	7	.....	1	.....	2	1	24	53	77	2 21	61	.....	.....	50	45	4	.....	.....	.....
Franklinton	M. C. Ransom, Franklinton,	H. L. Joyner, Franklinton	4th	20	.....	...	4	4	15	174	177	351	10 53	61	6 25	100	150	133	15	.....	.....	12
Springfield	E. Blake, Clayton	Louis Hayweed, Auburn	1st	7	1	1	12	8	4	72	120	192	.....	3 52	2 12	.....	96	80	4	.....	.....	.....
Baptist Grove	Samuel Fulwider, Raleigh	Michael Moore	3rd	11	1	.....	3	.....	.....	48	76	124	3 30	.....	.....	.....	65	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Matthews	H. Pair, "	R. A. Buffaloe, Raleigh	3rd	6	1	...	1	4	2	73	62	135	4 05	55	.....	.....	75	115	9	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth	J. H. Burgess, Arcola	W. M. Rodgers, Spring Hope	1st	11	.....	.....	6	4	....	62	31	93	2 79	.....	1 40	.....	50	30	3	.....	.....	.....
White Oak	E. H. Ward, Wilson	James Buffaloe, Stanhope	4th	2	.....	.....	7	.....	1	30	34	64	1 92	.....	75	.....	50	105	7	.....	.....	.....
Malaby X Roads	H. Pair, Raleigh	William Elliott, Raleigh	4th	10	.....	.....	.....	4	2	36	55	91	2 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	4	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	P. T. Hall, "	George Wooden, Moncure	3rd	6	1	.....	10	3	....	14	18	32	96	.....	.....	.....	60	35	4	12	....	6
Good Hope	Robert Shepard, Raleigh	F. Pair, Raleigh	2nd	15	.....	2	1	6	3	57	86	143	4 29	1 00	.....	.....	75	50	8	15	.....	12
Hillsboro	" " "	Alston Whitted, Hillsboro	1d3	18	2	2	1	4	1	37	88	125	3 75	.....	50	.....	117	100	13	130	55	12
Friendship Chap.	C. Johnson, "	C. L. Powell, Forestville	1st	15	2	.....	5	10	2	110	133	243	7 23	75	.....	21	100	75	5	.....	.....	.....
St. Mary's	R. B. Jones, Clayton	Philip Vincent, Clayton	2nd	.....	1	.....	.....	1	....	7	3	10	30	.....	.....	.....	8	19	4	12	2	.....
Galilee	Wm. Sanders, Smithfield	G. W. Sanders, Smithfield	2nd	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	8	18	54	.....	.....	.....	17	24	4	.....	.....	.....
Oakey Grove	John Jefferson, Raleigh	Levi Booth, Wilson's Mills	4th	2	.....	3	1	.....	.....	20	18	38	1 14	.....	.....	.....	36	31	3	.....	.....	.....
Total				726	52	24	131	210	109	.....	.....	5597	$189 89	$89 06	$31 16	$852	$3022	3256	229	.....	.....	.....